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2. "In the town of Rakvere, Estonian SSR, the military airforce units of the Leningrad military district (VVS LenVO= VOIENNO-VOZDUSHNYE SILY LENINGRADSKOGO VOIENNAGO OKRUGA) have three depots under the numbers 53, 64, 65. They are situated about 300 metres east of the Rakvere railway station, between the railway and the Rakvere-Narva highway.
3. "The full name of the depots is 'District depots of Material-Technical Supplies of the Military Airforce Units of the Leningrad Military District' (OKRUZHNYE SKLADY MATERIALNO-TEKHINICHESKOGO SNABZHENIA VVS LenVO). Supplies come to these depots from the district depots of material-technical supplies of the military airforce units of the Leningrad military district in the town of Gatchina on the Leningrad-Narva Railway.
4. "In May and June 1953 several shipments of some rather mysterious material were forwarded from Gatchina to Rakvere. It was packed in wooden boxes which weighed 50 kg each. At Gatchina the boxes were loaded into cars by airforce personnel and the same personnel unloaded the cars at Rakvere. In carrying the boxes they took great care not to shake or let them fall. No railwaymen were permitted to handle them. The boxes could not contain ammunition as that is usually kept in underground dumps whereas the depots at Rakvere are red brick buildings. (They are the former depots of the 2nd Artillery Group of the Estonian Army.) It is supposed that the boxes contained some sort of measuring apparatus.
5. "The depots are subordinated to the Department of Technical Supplies of the Administration of the Military Airforces of the Leningrad Military District. (OTDEL TEKHINICHESKOGO SNABZHENIA UPRAVLENIA VVS LenVO).
6. "At Rakvere there is also a school for parachutists."

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